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Illinois Wesleyan to Celebrate Inauguration of President Eric R. Jensen

March 21, 2016

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The **inauguration of Eric R. Jensen** as president of Illinois Wesleyan University will be held on Saturday, April 2, in the Shirk Center. A number of events Thursday, March 31 through Saturday, April 2 will celebrate the inauguration theme “The Liberal Arts in the 21st Century: Spotlight on Collaborative Engagement.”



Thursday, March 31

On March 31 at 7 p.m., **MacArthur Fellow Juan Salgado**, a 1991 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan, will speak as part of the Student Senate’s annual “**Do Good**” **speaker series**. Salgado is president and CEO of Instituto del Progreso Latino in Chicago. Salgado’s presentation in the Hansen Student Center is free and open to the public.

Friday, April 1

Friday’s events include a 1 p.m. session with **six notable alumni** sharing their stories at the Hansen Student Center. Alumni speakers include: hedge fund manager Marcus Dunlop ’08, actor Kevin Dunn, a member of the class of 1977; broadcaster and documentarian Demetria Kalodimos ’81; Hall of Fame sportswriter and author Dave Kindred ’63; healthcare executive Stephen Ondra, M.D. ’80; and immigration attorney Carlina Tapia-Ruano ’77.

Illinois Wesleyan faculty, staff, alumni and students will present short “lightning talks” highlighting the collaborative or mentoring process beginning at 2:15 p.m. in State Farm Hall room 102. **See a complete schedule** of these Artistic and Scholarly Sessions.

Illinois Wesleyan’s vocal jazz ensemble Unlicensed Syncopation will present a concert April 1 at 8 p.m. in Presser Hall’s Westbrook Auditorium.



Eric R. Jensen

Saturday, April 2

A second session of artistic and scholarly presentations will take place Saturday, April 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. in State Farm Hall room 102. The investiture ceremony begins at 2 p.m. in the Shirk Center and will include greetings from the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and President Emeritus Richard F. Wilson. The investiture ceremony will be **live streamed**.

Immediately following the ceremony, attendees are invited to a Backyard Barbecue and Bluegrass celebration in the Shirk Center Activity Gym. Music will be provided by The Old Men Boys (TOMB).

The art exhibit “Instrument” with works by Mark Genrich ’83 will be on display throughout the weekend in the **Merwin** and Wakeley Galleries.

All students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests are invited to offer a hope, dream or wish for IWU during the Jensen presidency. Offer your **wish for Wesleyan** online or at the April 2 barbecue.